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SUBJECT: KOREA: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

FOR AMBASSADOR

UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING
LETTER TO PRESIDENT BONGO OVER YOUR SIGNATURE:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT'S WARM APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE
KOREAN ISSUES RECENTLY BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. YOUR
DECISION TO COSPONSOR THE RESOLUTION WE SUPPORTED AND
TO VOTE AGAINST THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WAS
PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. DESPITE PRESSURES THAT WERE
GENERATED DURING THE DEBATE ON THESE ISSUES, YOUR
GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO GIVE US STRONG SUPPORT. WHILE
WE REGRET THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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ADOPTED TWO INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THE

DEBATE MADE CLEAR THAT MOST MEMBERS DESIRE RESUMPTION
OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF KOREA.

OUR OWN CONCERN THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE WAS TO ENSURE THAT
NOTHING WAS DONE WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE PEACE AND
SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. WE ALSO WERE
INTERESTED IN REINFORCING THE EXCELLENT RECORD OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE
OF KOREA TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT THEY DESIRE.
I THINK THESE OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED AND YOUR SUPPORT
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS RESULT.

END TEXT. KISSINGER

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